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September 29, 2022

The Honorable Garrett Anderson, Mayor  
City of Avon Park  
110 East Main Street  
Avon Park, Florida 33825

**SUBJECT:** Authority to Use Grant Funds Approval Letter  
City of Avon Park – Fire Station Hardening Project  
Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program  
Federal Grant Number: B-18-DP-12-0002  
DEO Agreement Number: I0122

Dear Mayor Anderson,

On August 3, 2022, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) received an Environmental Review Record (ERR) and a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF) form, HUD 7015.15, from the City of Avon Park related to the Fire Station Hardening Project. Additional information was requested on September 1, 2022 and received September 13, 2022. DEO has reviewed all information provided and has deemed the environmental review to be complete.

The RROF has been held by DEO for the required 15 days, pursuant to title 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 58, to allow the public the opportunity to object to the use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds for this project. No valid objections have been received to the release of funds and related certification. The grant condition requiring this project to be environmentally cleared before committing program funds has been met. This environmental review remains valid until or unless one or more of the conditions of title 24 CFR 58.47 occurs.

This letter along with the Authority to Use Grant Funds form, HUD 7015.16, should be placed in the Town's ERR for this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Geoff Amison, Environmental Program Manager at (850) 717-8422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Butler", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ryan Butler, Director  
Office of Long-Term Resiliency